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# Vivian V. Volstorff Papers

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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

UA 53.12

### *Title*

Vivian V. Volstorff Papers

### *Creator*

Vivian V. (Vivian Virginia) Volstorff

### *Dates*

1921-1976

### *Extent*

4.88 linear feet -- 5 boxes, photographs, sound recordings

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton  
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### *Abstract*

Vivian Volstorff was Dean of Women, Director of Student Activities and professor of history. This collection consists of material from Volstorff's time as Dean of Women, records from her work with campus organizations, planning documents, and personal information and correspondence. Also included are Volstorff's many speeches and writings, including research and drafts for her book, *Winds of Change*.

## **Biographical Note**

Dr. Vivian Virginia Volstorff, Dean of Women, Director of Student Activities, and professor of history, joined the South Dakota State University [SDSU] faculty in 1932. She was graduated from Elgin, Illinois high school and received an associate degree from Elgin Junior College before attending Northwestern University where she received three degrees—Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

Vivian V. Volstorff is responsible for establishing several organizations for women at South Dakota State University; including Mortar Board and two national social sororities. She was the originator of Women's Day at the university, a day when women were honored and scholarships awarded. The event became a tradition soon after she established it in 1934, and was continued until 1970.

Volstorff held membership in several organizations, including the American Historical Association, National Association of Deans of Women and Counselors, Phi Kappa Phi, and an honorary membership in Mortar Board. She was also a very active member in the Brookings Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW). She thought AAUW was so important that she worked to get the university accredited in order to make the Brookings Branch official.

Dean Volstorff was well known throughout South Dakota as a speaker in the field of international affairs and contemporary university students.

Vivian V. Volstorff has been mentioned in *Who's Who*, *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in American College and University*

Administration, Leaders in Education, Dictionary of International Biography, and Directory of American Scholars.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into seven series:

Series 1. Dean of Women records

Series 2. Personal papers

Series 3. Organizations

Series 4. Writings

Series 5. Speeches

Series 6. Collected material

Series 7. SDSU research

## Contents Note

This collection is composed of material from Volstorff's personal and professional life. Folders includes personal records retained during her tenure as Dean of Women, records from her work with campus organizations, planning documents, and personal information and correspondence. Also included are Volstorff's many speeches and writings, including research and drafts for her book, *Winds of Change*.

### *Series 1. Dean of Women records.*

The Dean of Women records is composed of material collected by Vivian V. Volstorff during her career as Dean of Women at South Dakota State University. The bulk of the material consists of minutes and notes from committee meetings, which dealt mainly with women's housing and dormitories. Also included is an annual report from the late 1960's, drafts of the publication *Collegiate Wise* (a guide for women students), lists of responsibilities of the Dean of Women (with a brief mention of the Dean of Men), and material dealing with student organizations.

### *Series 2. Personal papers.*

The personal papers are composed of items collected by Volstorff. Included are articles, biographical information, family information,

correspondence, and photographs. Also included are audio tapes of an interview of Volstorff in 1998.

*Series 3. Organizations.*

The organizations series is composed of material from many organizations in which Volstorff was involved. Included is material for honor societies, fraternities and sororities, and women's organizations.

*Series 4. Writings.*

The writings series is composed of writings by Volstorff. Included are her theses and dissertation. Also included are drafts of some chapters of her book, *Winds of Change*.

*Series 5. Speeches.*

The speeches series is composed of speeches written and presented by Volstorff during and after her career at South Dakota State University. Also included is information collected by Volstorff for use in her speeches.

*Series 6. Collected material.*

The collected material is composed of materials collected by Volstorff, including newspaper clippings, magazine and journal articles, and several publications.

*Series 7. SDSU research.*

The SDSU research is composed of materials collected by Volstorff which pertain to South Dakota State University. Included are several published histories of the SDSU, as well as numerous articles on programs, people, and events.

## **Key Words**

American Association of University Women, Brookings Branch

South Dakota State University -- Dean of Women

South Dakota State University -- Faculty Women's Club

South Dakota State University – History

Volstorff, V. V. (Vivian Virginia), 1912-2002

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### *Arranged and Described by*

Crystal J. Gamradt, Archivist, 1999 July 7.

Additions made by Ashley Van Maanen, 2009 January 29.

## Container List

Series	Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1. Dean of Women records	1	1	Annual report	1968-1969
1. Dean of Women records	1	2	Collegiate Wise (publication)	1963-1966
1. Dean of Women records	1	3	Coordinating staff meetings	1974-1976
1. Dean of Women records	1	4	Housing	1921-1969

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1. Dean of Women records	1	5	Housing committee meetings	1958-1970
1. Dean of Women records	1	6	Responsibilities	1957-1973
1. Dean of Women records	1	7	Stationary	undated
1. Dean of Women records	1	8	Student assistants	1964-1965
1. Dean of Women records	1	9	Student organizations	1932-1967
2. Personal papers	1	10	Articles on Vivian	1950-1992, undated
2. Personal papers	1	11	Biographical information	1953-1973
2. Personal papers	1	12	Birthday cards and letters	1999-2002, undated
2. Personal papers	1	13	Christmas messages	1905, 193-1987, undated
2. Personal papers	1	14	Elgin, IL High School Class of 1924 50th reunion	1974
2. Personal papers	1	15	Employment correspondence	1932
2. Personal papers	1	16	Foreign currency	undated
2. Personal papers	1	17	Funeral arrangements	1998
2. Personal papers	1	18	Funeral folders (others)	1992-2001
2. Personal papers	1	19	Holiday cards and letters I	1991, 1999-2001 undated
2. Personal papers	1	20	Holiday cards and letters II	1976, 1990-2001, undated
2. Personal papers	1	21	Identification cards	1983-1991, undated
2. Personal papers	1	22	Interview audio tapes	1998
2. Personal papers	1	23	Letters from alumni	1981-1983
2. Personal papers	1	24	Miscellaneous correspondence I	1998-2001, undated

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2. Personal papers	1	25	Miscellaneous correspondence II	1983-2002, undated
2. Personal papers	1	26	Miscellaneous correspondence III	1957-2002
2. Personal papers	1	27	Personal items	1938, 1941, 1949, undated
2. Personal papers	1	28	Personal notes	1959, 1965, 1997, undated
2. Personal papers	1	29	Photographs	1956-2000, undated
2. Personal papers	1	30	Receipts, expenses, manuals	1947-1996, undated
2. Personal papers	2	1	Recognition, honors and awards	1961-1998
2. Personal papers	2	2	Retirement home and church information	1981-2002, undated
2. Personal papers	2	3	Vivian's Resume	1983-1994, undated
2. Personal papers	2	4	Volstorff family	1948, undated
3. Organizations	2	5	Alpha Lambda Delta	1965-1966, 1981, 1992
3. Organizations	2	6	American Association of University Women	1958-1984, 1992-1994
3. Organizations	2	7	Association of Brookings Women Christmas Devotions	1985
3. Organizations	2	8	Campus organization	1979-1983, undated
3. Organizations	2	9	Delta Zeta	undated
3. Organizations	2	10	Fraternities and sororities	1970-1992, undated
3. Organizations	2	11	Guidon	1972-1973
3. Organizations	2	12	Honor societies	1957
3. Organizations	2	13	Mortar Board - Sigma Lambda Sigma Chapter	1939, 1970-1976
3. Organizations	2	14	National Association for Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors	1974



<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
3. Organizations	2	15	Phi Kappa Phi	1978, undated
3. Organizations	2	16	SDSU Faculty Women's Club	1970, 1992
3. Organizations	2	17	University Dames	1968-1974
3. Organizations	2	18	Women's Club	1975-983, 1999-2000
4. Writings	2	19	Dissertation [Final copy] - William Charles Cole Claiborne	1932
4. Writings	2	20	Dissertation [Manuscript] - William Charles Cole Claiborne	1932
4. Writings	2	21	Energy Crisis in 1936	undated
4. Writings	2	22	Miscellaneous research and writings	undated
4. Writings	2	23	Miscellaneous stories	undated
4. Writings	2	24	Our Grave New World	1957-1958
4. Writings	2	25	Problem of the Jews	undated
4. Writings	2	26	Thesis - General James Wilkinson ...	1929
4. Writings	2	27	Thesis - The Letters of Pliny the Younger...	1930
4. Writings	2	28	Wilkinson in New Orleans (1806-07)	1941
4. Writings	2	29	Winds of Change book	2000
4. Writings	2	30	Winds of Change chapter drafts	undated
5. Speeches	2	32	3000 Hours with Boards of Control	1973
5. Speeches	2	31	5 Basic Conclusions	undated
5. Speeches	2	34	Alumni talk	1965-1966, undated
5. Speeches	2	35	American Foreign Policy	1970, undated
5. Speeches	2	36	Campus Unrest and the Sorority Woman	1969
5. Speeches	2	37	Chi Omega speeches	undated
5. Speeches	2	38	Class of 1934 reunion speech	undated
5. Speeches	2	39	Coed Spirit	undated
5. Speeches	3	13	Days That Are No More	1981
5. Speeches	2	33	Design for Living - 1945 Style	1945

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
5. Speeches	2	40	Freedom From Fear	1953-1954, undated
5. Speeches	3	1	Freshman talks	1943, 1964-1968, undated
5. Speeches	3	2	From Memory Lane to Horizons Unlimited	1972
5. Speeches	3	3	Good is the Enemy of the Best	1970, undated
5. Speeches	3	4	Guidon speech	undated
5. Speeches	3	5	High School seniors speech	1956
5. Speeches	3	6	Higher Education for Women	1956
5. Speeches	3	7	Inner Space	1970, 1975, undated
5. Speeches	3	9	Moral Traffic Lights	1978
5. Speeches	3	8	Notes and Used materials	undated
5. Speeches	3	10	Only Good Times	1979
5. Speeches	3	11	Portrait of a Lady	1957, 1964, undated
5. Speeches	3	12	Revolution Among Youth	1966
5. Speeches	3	14	Soviet Sequel to the Geneva Story	1956
5. Speeches	3	15	This is Our Time to Live	1961
5. Speeches	3	16	Walk Without Fear	1954
5. Speeches	3	17	We Choose the Future	undated
5. Speeches	3	18	What is a Professional Woman?	1960
5. Speeches	3	19	When Your Son or Daughter Comes to College	undated
5. Speeches	3	20	Your Pandora's Box	1958
5. Speeches	3	21	Your Personal Portrait	1950-1957, undated
6. Collected material	3	22	And Then There Were These	1958
6. Collected material	3	23	Crime and violence	1978-1992, undated
6. Collected material	3	24	Decades	1978-1995, undated
6. Collected material	3	25	Education	1972-1993, undated
6. Collected material	3	26	Emmerichs'	1981-1982, undated

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6. Collected material	3	27	Gallaudet University	1988
6. Collected material	3	28	Manners and morals	1929, 1978, 1981, undated
6. Collected material	3	29	Material for conclusion of Winds of Change	1977, 1991, undated
6. Collected material	3	30	Miscellaneous clippings and collected materials	1932-2001, undated
6. Collected material	3	31	Miscellaneous publications	1977, 1993, undated
6. Collected material	3	32	Moriarty family	1979, 1982, 1988
6. Collected material	3	33	On being American	1960, undated
6. Collected material	3	34	Revolution of youth	1940-1992, undated
6. Collected material	3	35	Russia and Soviet Union	1953-1982, undated
6. Collected material	3	36	South Dakota History	1980
6. Collected material	3	37	Wars	1971-1995, undated
6. Collected material	3	38	World Community Day	undated
7. SDSU research	3	42	Alumni Association publications	1984, 1998, 2000
7. SDSU research	3	43	Arts and culture	1970-1998, undated
7. SDSU research	3	44	Buildings	1973-1998, undated
7. SDSU research	3	45	Campus directories	1935-1937, 1943-1945
7. SDSU research	3	46	College of Arts and Science	1982-1984
7. SDSU research	3	47	Coughlin Campanile	1975-1992, undated
7. SDSU research	3	48	Crangle arrest	1989, 1992, undated
7. SDSU research	3	49	Cultural calendar	1983
7. SDSU research	3	50	Ernest Buckley	1987, 1989, undated

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7. SDSU research	3	51	Glimpses of South Dakota State College	1957
7. SDSU research	3	52	H.M. Briggs Library	undated
7. SDSU research	3	39	History of South Dakota State College: 1881-1931	1931
7. SDSU research	3	40	History of South Dakota State College: 1884-1959	1959
7. SDSU research	3	41	History of South Dakota State College: 1884-1975	1975
7. SDSU research	3	53	Hobo Day riot	1990-1991
7. SDSU research	3	54	Hubert Humphrey's commencement address	1967
7. SDSU research	4	16	Industrial Collegian	1904
7. SDSU research	3	55	International programs	1980-1983, undated
7. SDSU research	3	56	Marghab Linens	undated
7. SDSU research	3	57	McCrary Gardens	1989, 1992
7. SDSU research	3	58	Miscellaneous research	1975-1992, undated
7. SDSU research	4	1	President Berg	1943, 1975-1994, undated
7. SDSU research	4	2	President Briggs	1972-1995, undated
7. SDSU research	4	3	President Brown	undated
7. SDSU research	4	4	President Crothers	1980, undated
7. SDSU research	4	5	President Headley	1956-1957, 1989, undated
7. SDSU research	4	6	President Hoops and regents controversy	1984-1987, 1992, undated
7. SDSU research	4	7	President Jackson	1941, undated
7. SDSU research	4	8	President Leinbach.	1978-1988, undated
7. SDSU research	4	9	President Pugsley	undated
7. SDSU research	4	10	President Wagner	1986-1994, undated
7. SDSU research	4	11	Presidents and first families	1975-1984, undated

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7. SDSU research	4	12	Resolution 21	1978-1979
7. SDSU research	4	13	ROTC	1987-1991, undated
7. SDSU research	4	15	SDSU Foundation publications	1998, 2000
7. SDSU research	5	1	SDSU Student Guide	1973
7. SDSU research	4	14	Seventeen Years" A Report from South Dakota State University	undated
7. SDSU research	4	17	Theodore Schultz	1981
7. SDSU research	4	18	Traditions	1974-1998, undated
7. SDSU research	4	19	Women	1960-1967, 1988, undated